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An Improved or New Adjustable Golf Ball Tee.

We, HERBERT AUGUSTUS COUSINS, Printer, and SAMUEL FRANCIS COUSINS, Mechanical Engineer, both residing at 46, Haydon Park Road, Wimbledon, S.W., in the County of Surrey, both of British nationality, do hereby declare the nature of this invention to be as follows:—

Our invention comprises an improved golf tee—its object is to provide a tee, which can be made adjustable to suit the requirements of any individual player on teeing grounds—being compact can easily be carried in the pocket.

Golf tees are made in various ways some of different heights, but not adjustable, as is carried out by our invention which will enable the players to alter the height of the golf ball, *viz.*, as against

the wind—low—with the wind, or by 20 nature of the teeing grounds.

In general terms our invention consists of an adjustable golf ball tee of rubber or other suitable material, made oblong or circular, preferably circular, 25 of two or more pieces or sections, fitted one inside the other, male and female, and so fitted that it can be made to move vertical instantly, either frictionally either by screw or incline plane. A hole 30 can be made in each section to admit of a cord to attach a piece of coloured linen so that it can be easily sighted should it be hit off the teeing ground.

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COMPLETE SPECIFICATION.

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This invention relates to golf tees and

has for its object to provide a simple device, the height of which may be 50 readily adjusted, such device being adapted to take the place of the usual tee built up from sand or the like.

With this object in view it has already been proposed to provide a hollow body 55 of vulcanised rubber shaped to form a truncated cone open at the top and to furnish an additional piece of conical shape, of vulcanised rubber or the like,

such piece being capable, when inverted, of being inserted into the opening in the truncated cone and of being drawn more or less into the same, so that the ball which is placed at the top of the inverted conical piece is supported at a higher or lower level to suit requirements.

It has also been proposed to provide, mounted upon a hinge in a suitable casting, a cylindrical rubber tee or support for the ball such tee being connected to the hinge by suitable devices including a screw threaded connection enabling the level of the top of the rubber tee to be varied.

Our present invention relates to an improved and simplified constructional form of device of the class in question.

A tee made according to our invention comprises two principal parts, an outer part of circular or other appropriate shape, preferably moulded from rubber, and provided with a vertical substantially cylindrical hole or bore, and an inner part formed from a substantially cylindrical tube adapted to fit tightly within and slide within the hole or bore in the first mentioned part, so that it can be adjusted vertically therein to any required position.

In the preferred construction the inner tubular member is also formed from rubber and fits tightly within the bore in the outer member.

In some cases the inner and outer members may be provided with corresponding screw threads, so that the height of the inner member may be varied by rotating the same.

Where both members are formed from rubber, we prefer to provide a cord passing through the outer member, diametrically across and through the inner tubular member, again through the outer member and to furnish a coloured tassel or the like at the end of the cord, so as to enable the device to be readily seen if it should inadvertently be struck away by the player.

In order that our invention may be more clearly understood, we will now proceed to describe the same with reference to the accompanying drawing which shows the preferred method of constructing the device.

Fig. 1 is a transverse section of the outer member.

Fig. 2 is a similar view, showing also the inner member in the raised position.

Fig. 3 shows a similar view of the device with the inner member in the depressed position and the cord passing through the same.

*a* is the outer or base portion, provided with a central bore *b*. *c* is the inner tubular portion, which fits frictionally into the bore *b*, or it may be constructed with a screw thread or the like engaging a corresponding thread on the portion *a*.

With the simple form of the device shown on the drawing, with frictional contact, the inner portion is raised by pressing it up from below.

In the form shown at Fig. 3, a hole is bored as indicated at *d* passing through the members *a* and *c*, when the member *c* is pushed in, and a cord is threaded through the hole *d*, passing through both the members *a* and *c*. One end of the cord is knotted at *e* and to the other end *f* may be attached a coloured piece of linen or other material, so that the device can be readily located if it is hit off the tee ground.

This cord also serves the purpose of steadyng the inner member when set into position and prevents the two parts being separated.

As previously stated we prefer to make the device from vulcanised rubber, but it may be made of any other suitable material and of any size or shape without departing from the principle of our invention.

Having now particularly described and ascertained the nature of our said invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, we declare that what we claim is:—

1. A golf tee comprising in combination an outer base portion provided with a vertical substantially cylindrical bore or hole and a cylindrical plug adapted to carry the ball and vertically adjustable within the hole or bore in the base portion, substantially as described.

2. A golf tee as claimed in Claim 1 in which the inner member consists of a cylindrical rubber tube fitting tightly within the bore in the outer or base portion, but slideable therein, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

3. In a golf tee the combination of an outer base portion of vulcanised rubber having a vertical substantially cylindrical bore therein, and an inner plug or tube, also of vulcanised rubber and adapted to carry the ball, the outer diameter of the said plug or tube being slightly greater than the diameter of the bore in the outer member or base, so as to form a friction tight fit, substantially as described.

4. In a golf tee as claimed in Claim 2

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or Claim 3, a construction in which a cord  
is provided passing through the walls of  
the outer member or base and diametri-  
cally across the inner member such cord  
being provided at one extremity, if  
desired, with a coloured tassel or the like,  
substantially as described. 5. Golf tees constructed substantially  
as herein described for the purposes set  
forth. 10

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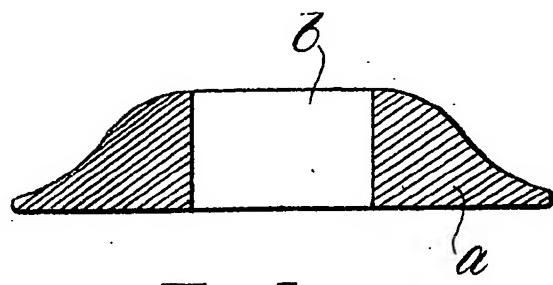


Fig. 1.

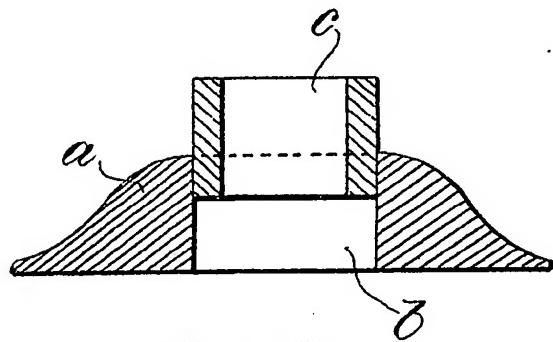


Fig. 2.

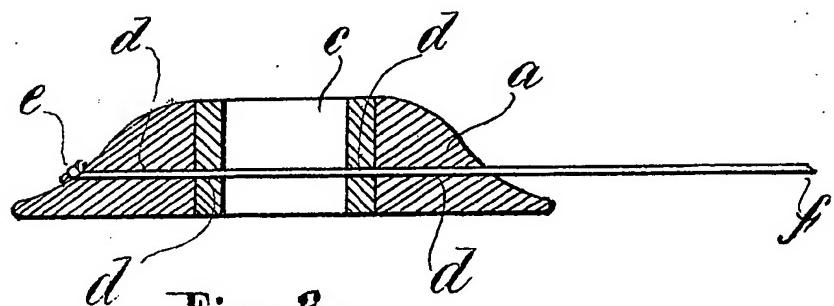


Fig. 3.